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1. VENEZUELAN DELEGATION TO MARCH 28 MEETING OF
ECOSOC WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES WILL BE
HEADED BY UN PERMREP SIMON CONSALVI. HE WILL BE
ASSISTED BY PEDRO CAMACHO OF VENEZUELA'S MISSION
TO THE UN; EDUARDO SOTO ALVAREZ, OFFICE OF THE
MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS; AND VICENTE VALLENILLA, FOREIGN TRADE
INSTITUTE.

2. ON MARCH 25 EMBASSY BRIEFED SOTO AND VALLENILLA
SEPARATELY ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION ON
BRIBERY OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS, DRAWING ON REF
AND SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL'S TESTIMONY. SOTO
MADE NO SPECIFIC COMMENT, BUT SAID THE GOV FULLY
APPRECIATES THE INITIATIVES AND CONCERN SHOWN BY
THE USG IN THIS AREA. VALLENILLA SAID THE GOV
FULLY SUPPORTS UN ACTION ON CORRUPT PRACTICES,
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BUT MENTIONED TWO AREAS OF GOV CONCERN ABOUT THE
US APPROACH. FIRST, HE SAID THE QUESTION OF ILLICIT
PAYMENTS BY MNC'S IS ONLY ONE ISSUE AMONG SEVERAL
RELATING TO CORRUPT PRACTICES WHICH CANNOT BE SEPARATED. IT IS NOT
CLEAR YET HOW THE BORADER ISSUE OF A CODE OF CONDUCT
FOR MNC'S WILL BE DEALT WITH. VALLENILLA ALSO
MENTIONED THE ISSUE OF EXTRATERRITORIALITY AS A

GENUINE CONCERN TO VENEZUELA AND OTHER LDC'S
VALLENILLA SEEMED DUBIOUS THAT THESE ISSUES COULD
BE RESOLVED DURING THE THIRD MEETING OF THE
WORKING GROUP.

3. COMMENT- VALLENILLA AND GOV OFFICIALS
DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE WORKING GROUP ON
CORRUPT PRACTICES DO NOT DEMONSTRATE ANY SENSE
OF URGENCY IN DEALING WITH THE ILLICIT PAYMENTS
ISSUE. ON THE OTHER HAND, PRESIDENT PEREZ AND
OTHER GOV OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN GREATLY CONCERNED
ABOUT SPECIFIC CASES OF ALLEGED ILLICIT PAYMENTS
AFFECTING VENEZUELA (E G BOEING AND OCCIDENTIAL
PETROLEUM). THE EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO RAISE THIS
ISSUE WITH OFFICIALS AT A HIGHER LEVEL IN ORDER
TO ELICIT GREATER CONCERN AND SUPPORT FOR A MULTI-
LATERAL TREATY.
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